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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NARCOTICS ATTACHE MEETS WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS

1. AMEMBASSY VIENNA NARCOTICS ATTACHE ROBERT WALTZ VISITED BUDAPEST FEBRUARY 9-10 AND CALLED ON HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS AND HEALTH OFFICIALS.

2. WALTZ DISCUSSED HUNGARIAN TREATMENT OF NARCOTICS ADDICTS WITH DR. BELA BOLCS, DEPARTMENT HEAD IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND HIS ASSOCIATE, DR. BELA BLAHO. ACCORDING TO HEALTH OFFICIALS ADDICTION NOT SERIOUS PROBLEM IN HUNGARY. BOLCS SAID THAT U.S. HAS BECOME LARGEST MARKET FOR HUNGARIAN PRODUCTION OF MEDICINAL MORPHINE AND CODEINE. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY PORTION OF HUNGARIAN POPPY CROP IS BEING DIVERETED INTO ILLEGAL MARKET.

3. DR. JANOS SZALAI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE TOLD WALTZ THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS FULLY PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES IN COMBATting DRUG TRAFFICING AND SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM DEA OFFICIALS. SZALAI SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER ACREE DURING HIS TRIP TO U.S. IN MAY. WALTZ TOLD SZALAI THAT DEA LOOKS

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FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS IN EFFORT

TO STOP SHIPMENTS OF NARCOTICS THAT MAY BE TRANSITING HUNGARY FROM TURKEY OR MID-EAST STATES. HE SAID THAT DEA VIENNA WOULD CONTACT HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHEN DETAILED INFORMATION TURNED UP RE TRAFFICKERS.

4. SZALAI RECOMMENDED THAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON DRUG TRAFFICKERS BE PASSED FROM DEA VIENNA TO HIS OFFICE THROUGH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA. HE DID, HOWEVER, AGREE THAT AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST COULD ALSO TRANSMIT INFO DIRECTLY TO GOH.

5. COMMENT: WALTZ VISIT TO BUDAPEST AS A DEFINITE PLUS FOR THIS EMBASSY: 1) HIS PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND HIS THOROUGH PROFESSIONALISM SUPPORTED AND ENHANCED OUR REPEATED EFFORTS TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF HUNGARIAN OFFICIALDOM ON HIGH PRIORITY USG ATTACHES TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT; AND 2) HIS CALLS IN BUDAPEST AND EXPERTISE HE DISPLAYED HAVE HELPED TO PROVIDE SOMEWHAT MORE DIRECT ACCESS TO WORKING-LEVEL HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ILLICIT NARCOTICS. THIS EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE ITS ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE DEA WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SO THAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKERS CAN BE TRANSMITTED SPEEDILY AND SECURELY.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) THAT COMMISSIONER ACREE MAKE EXPLICIT AND FAVORABLE MENTION OF WALTZ VISIT TO DR. JANOS SZALAI WHEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE VISITS U.S. IN MAY 1976.

B) THAT U.S. SIDE PROPOSE THAT WALTZ PLAN TO VISIT BUDAPEST REGULARLY ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS FOR SIMILAR MEETINGS IF IDEA ACCEPTABLE TO GOH.

C) THAT COMMISSIONER ACREE SUGGEST THAT HUNGARIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE PROVIDE DEA WITH MEANS SO THAT LATTER CAN PASS PERISHABLE, TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION ABOUT SMUGGLERS AND TRAFFICKERS SPEEDILY, SECURELY, AND DIRECTLY--WITH INTERMEDIARIES.

D) U.S. SIDE "ON INFORMAL AND PERSONAL BASIS" MIGHT, IF OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF, ASK DR. SZALAI WHETHER HE WOULD SEE ADVANTAGE IF WALTZ -- WHILE STILL RESIDENT IN VIENNA -- WERE ALSO ON ROSTER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY BUDAPEST, ACCREDITED TO GOH, AND REGULARLY VISAED TO FUNCTION IN MANNER AKIN TO THAT OF DR. THUROCY, THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE. MCAULIFFE

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